

# Central Asia Think Tank Forum

Promoting Economic Cooperation for an Integrated Central Asia

June 20-21, 2016 · Astana, Kazakhstan

## Provisional Agenda

### **Day 0: 19 June 2016**

1800-2000 Informal reception (by CI or host think tank, TBD)

### **Day 1: 20 June 2016**

0830-0900 Registration

#### **Session 1: Opening**

**Moderator: Ziqian Liang, Deputy Director 1, CAREC Institute**

0900-0910 Welcome remarks  
Kazakhstan Senior Government Official (TBD)  
Messages

0910-0920 ADB Vice President (TBD)

0920-0930 Representative of Host Think Tank  
Kubat Umurzakov, Director, CAREC Institute

0930-0940 Keynote Message

0940-1010 **Photo session and coffee break**

#### **Session 2: Economic Outlook of Central Asia**

**Moderator: Juzhong Zhuang, Deputy Chief Economist and Deputy Director General, ERCD, ADB (TBD)**

1010-1030 ADB (TBD)  
Will present the Asian regional economic outlook

1030-1045 Think Tank One (TBD) will present his/her country economic outlook

1045-1100 Think Tank Two (TBD) will present his/her country economic outlook

1100-1130 Open Discussion

#### **Session 3: Regional Cooperation and Integration - Connectivity**

**Moderator: TBD**

1130-1150 Vicky Tan, Director, CWRD, ADB (TBD) and CI

Discuss how to improve infrastructure connectivity to promote the construction of economic corridors and economic cooperation and integration in the CA region

1150-1200 Commentator One (TBD)

1200-1210 Commentator Two (TBD)

1210-1240 Open Discussion

**1240-1430 Lunch Break**

#### **Session 4: Regional Cooperation and Integration – Competitiveness**

**Moderator: (TBD)**

1430-1450 CA Think Tank Speaker (KAZ)

Many CAREC countries are resource dependent and rely heavily on bulk commodity exports. As the price of commodity fluctuated in recent years, CAREC countries should react properly to cope with the negative effects, diversify economic structure and raise competitiveness.

1450-1500 Commentator One (TBD)

1500-1510 Commentator Two (TBD)

1510-1540 Open Discussion

**1540-1610 Coffee Break**

#### **Session 5:**

#### **Regional Cooperation and Integration – Operational Plan and Collective Actions**

**Moderator: Dongxiang Li, Advisor, ERCD, ADB**

1610-1630 Arjun Goswami, Technical Advisor, ERCD, ADB

Discuss ADB's new RCI Operational Plan and possible collective actions by CAREC countries

1630-1640 Commentator One (TBD)

1640-1650 Commentator Two (TBD)

1650-1720 Open Discussion

**1800 Dinner (by CI or the host think tank) (TBD)**

**Day 2: 21 June 2016**

0900-0930 Registration

**Session 6: Role of Think Tank Network**

**Moderator:** Yergali Dosmagambet, Deputy Director 2, CI

0930-0950 James McGann, Director, TTCSP, University of Pennsylvania (TBD)

Present the constructive role of think tanks in promoting regional economic cooperation and integration

0950-1000 CI Representative to propose the establishment of the Central Asia Think Tank Network, discuss the possible effective forms, organizational structure, etc.

1000-1010 Commentator One (TBD)

1010-1020 Commentator Two (TBD)

1020-1050 Open Discussion

1050-1115 Coffee Break

**Session 7: Closing**

**Moderator:** Yergali Dosmagambet, Deputy Director 2, CI

1115-1120 Local Government Official

1120-1125 Representative of Host Think Tank

1125-1130 Kubat Umurzakov, Director, CAREC Institute

**1130-1330 Lunch Break**

**1330-1800 Networking (Cultural Event, TBD)**